

5 YEARS LATER

Some reflections about long-term relationships

battered love toast and honey
hot kisses and pancakes at 8:00 am
fragrant roses for dinner
candlelight conversations in bed:
these were golden moments
we shared together

yet often
breadcrumbs fell onto blankets
blueberry jam hit the floor
by 9:00 am our stomachs were soggy
and when cornflakes spilled
what more?

even then
you had moments of splendour
while reciting poetry
naked on the sheets

yes, even then
we often remembered
how to smile
and share joy -
however brief

Chris: This poem makes it clear that love alone is not enough to keep couples together.

Tim: Yeah. It takes a lot of tolerance & hard work to maintain any long-term intimate relationship.

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